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a plurality of line assemblies allocated to the coupling arrangement which are respectively connected to at least one transmission line;

a changeover logic arrangement in the coupling arrangement which is connected, at least in an outgoing direction of transmission, in series to the plurality of line assemblies; and

a storage arrangement which is available to the changeover logic arrangement, the storage arrangement including a plurality of register cells which correspond to a number of possible different items of the routing information and which can be individually controlled on the basis of the individual items of the routing information for delivering selection information which is respectively stored in the plurality of register cells, wherein the routing of message cells to the plurality of line assemblies is controlled in accordance with the selection information made available by the plurality of register cells instead of the routing information, and wherein the selection information stored in the plurality of register cells can be individually modified.

## **REMARKS**

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification in order to conform the specification to the requirements of the United States Patent practice. No new matter is added thereby. Original claim 1 has been canceled in favor of new claim 2. However, claim 2 has been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and underlining which would have been necessary in claim 1 in order to conform that claim to the requirements of United States Patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The cancellation of claim 1 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1.

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Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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